



State of Vermont  
Agency of Human Services  
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# Global Commitment Register

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GCR 16-061  
PROPOSED

## **Standards for Issuers Participating in the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange**

### **Policy Summary:**

The Agency of Human Services (AHS) has filed a proposed rule with the Office of the Secretary of State (SOS) which sets forth the process and criteria necessary to certify and decertify a Qualified Health Plan (QHP) or Stand-Alone Dental Plan (SADP) on the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange (VHBE). The proposed rule details Issuer responsibilities to assist VHBE in areas including: customer service, materials and marketing, enrollment and eligibility, and premium payment. Some of these requirements are necessary for reporting to the federal government. Additionally, the proposed rule outlines requirements for consumer direct enrollment in QHPs offered outside the VHBE. Finally, the rule provides for due process for actions taken against Issuers by the VHBE.

The Secretary of State proposed rulemaking website and other additional information can be found below.

### **Effective Date:**

Proposed rulemaking was posted on the Secretary of State website on June 29, 2016.

### **Authority/Legal Basis:**

3 V.S.A. §§ 801(b) (11)

33 V.S.A. §§ 1805, 1806, 1810 and 1811

Act No. 54 of 2015 with amendments to 33 V.S.A. §§ 1803(b)(4) and 1811(b)

### **Population Affected:**

QHP (with and without financial assistance) and SADP applicants and enrollees.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

Because the rule largely codifies existing certification and related administrative processes, the economic impact on existing qualified health plan issuers is expected to be minimal.

### **Public Comment Period:**

Open until August 5, 2016

Send comments to: [Howard.pallotta@vermont.gov](mailto:Howard.pallotta@vermont.gov) or [Adaline.strumolo@vermont.gov](mailto:Adaline.strumolo@vermont.gov)

**Public Hearing Date:**

July 29, 2016 at 9:00AM

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**Additional information:**

The SOS references this proposed rulemaking on its website as Rule 16P025. The posting can be viewed electronically at: <https://secure.vermont.gov/SOS/rules/>.

To get more information about the rulemaking process, see the website of the Office of the Secretary of State at <https://www.sec.state.vt.us/administrative-rules.aspx>.

This proposed rule is posted on the DVHA website under Proposed Health Care Rule Changes and can be viewed electronically at: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/budget-legislative/proposed-rule-changes>